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Dear Mr. Morisy:

This letter is in response to your March 12, 2013, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request #2013-000667 to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in which you requested "Copies of contracts with Booz Allen Hamilton to the agency over the past 5 years. And any final reports generated and delivered by Booz Allen Hamilton to the agency over the past 5 years."

It has been determined that as a media requester, you may be charged for duplication of responsive documents excluding the cost of the first 100 pages of duplication. We initially estimate the cost to process your FOIA request to be \$44.80.

You requested that fees be waived. We need additional information before we can consider your request for a fee waiver.

A fee waiver is appropriate when "disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester." 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a) (4) (a) (iii). I considered six factors in my determination as to whether your request satisfies this statutory standard: (1) whether the subject of the requested records concerns "the operations or activities of the government"; (2) whether the informative value of the information to be disclosed is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities; (3) whether disclosure of the requested information will contribute to "public understanding" of the subject; (4) whether the contribution to public understanding of government operations or activities will be significant; (5) whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure; and (6) whether any such commercial interest outweighs the public interest in disclosure. See 28 C.F.R. § 16.11 (k) (1999).

In order to meet the criteria for a fee waiver, please provide additional information which we will use to evaluate more completely how your request meets the fee waiver statutory standard described above. Upon receipt of the additional information, we will reconsider your request.

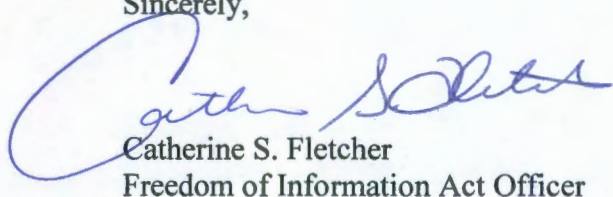
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The other option is to provide written assurance to pay the **\$\$44.80**. Once written assurance to pay is received, we will begin the search, review, and duplication of responsive documents. Written assurance may be provided by e-mail to [foia@nist.gov](mailto:foia@nist.gov), or by letter to me at the following address.

NIST Freedom of Information Act Officer  
Mail Stop 1710  
100 Bureau Drive  
Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1710

If we do not receive the additional details or a written assurance to pay within thirty calendar days from the date of this letter, we will assume you are no longer interested in receiving the documents requested and your FOIA request will be closed.

Sincerely,



Catherine S. Fletcher  
Freedom of Information Act Officer